

BAY COUNTY ELECTION CONSOLIDATION MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING HELD
JANUARY 14, 2013

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 168.305 (1) FOR ADOPTION OF ELECTION CONSOLIDATION PLANS BETWEEN THE ELECTION COORDINATOR, BAY COUNTY CLERK, CYNTHIA LUCZAK, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BAY-ARENAC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT; CITY AND TOWNSHIP CLERKS OF LOCAL BAY COUNTY JURISDICTIONS AND SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARIES. THE "PLAN" WOULD OUTLINE A PROCESS OR PROCEDURE TO BE CONDUCTED WHEN A SCHOOL WOULD REQUEST AN ELECTION. THE COUNTY CLERKS OF BAY, MIDLAND AND SAGINAW PLAN TO MEET ON JANUARY 17, 2013 TO SIGN A DELTA COLLEGE AGREEMENT.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M. BY COORDINATOR, CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, BAY COUNTY CLERK AT THE ALICE AND JACK WIRT LIBRARY, KANZLER COMMUNITY ROOM, 500 CENTER AVENUE, BAY CITY.

ROLL CALL: CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, BAY COUNTY CLERK
RICK ROCKWELL, ARENAC COUNTY CLERK
PATTI SHORKEY, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK, BAY
DAWN BUBLITZ, BANGOR TOWNSHIP CLERK
DONNA RIECHARD, FRANKENLUST CLERK
KIM DAY, GARFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK
DIANE PIENIOZEK, GIBSON TOWNSHIP CLERK
PAM WRIGHT, HAMPTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
GREG PETRIMOULX, KAWKAWLIN CLERK
CINDY KOWALSKI, MONITOR TOWNSHIP CLERK
KATHY BREMER, MERRITT TOWNSHIP CLERK
TERRI HRIBEK, PINCONNING CITY CLERK
BEVERLENE HRIBEK, PINCONNING TWP CLERK
JUDY BUKOWSKI, PORTSMOUTH CLERK
AMY CHARNEY, WILLIAMS TWP. CLERK
PAM REINHARDT, WILLIAMS DEPUTY CLERK
DARLENE SHOLWATER, GRIM TWP CLERK
KEVIN MACHATA, KOCHVILLE TWP. CLERK
SHARON SCHAFER, KOCHVILLE DEPUTY CLERK
ENZELL MCCOLLUM, BUENA VISTA DEPUTY
ANN MARIE BORUSHKO, DEEP RIVER CLERK
WANDA BOLEY, SIMS TOWNSHIP CLERK
CINDY HALAMAR, ARENAC TWP CLERK
PATRICIA BRADTM ZILWAUKEE TWP CLERK
ANGELA GERMAIN, BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WITH THE MEETING HAVING BEEN CALLED BY STATE LAW, IT WAS SUBJECT TO ALL PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT. CLERK LUCZAK POSTED THE NOTIFICATION AT THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING; PRESENTED NOTICE IN THE BAY CITY TIMES ON TWO DIFFERENT PUBLICATION DATES AND DISTRIBUTED NOTICES TO ALL LOCAL CITY/TOWNSHIP/SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR POSTING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

CLERK LUCZAK REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THIS PROCESS FOR THE LOCAL CLERKS WHO WERE NEWLY ELECTED TO OFFICE AND WHO WERE NOT AS FAMILIAR TO THE PROCESS AS OTHERS. AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN EXECUTED SINCE THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION LAW HAD PASSED IN 2004, BEING HELD IN 2005; 2007; 2009; 2011 AND NOW 2013. RECENTLY ADOPTED MCL 168.305 (2) WILL REQUIRE THAT PLANS BE EXECUTED FOR FOUR (4) YEAR INTERVALS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2013.

PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2011 HAD REQUIRED SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS TO APPEAR FOR ELECTION ON AN EVEN YEAR NOVEMBER BALLOT AS WE HAD EXPERIENCED FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE NOVEMBER 2012 ELECTION TO OFFICE. THIS CHANGE WAS ALSO NEW SINCE THE LAST PLANS HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY THE RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS. SO IN ESSENCE, PROCEDURES INCLUDED IN THIS 2013 PLAN SHOULD BE THAT OF A PROCESS TO BE ADHERED TO IN MORE OF A "SPECIAL ELECTION" SCENARIO.

"DRAFTS" OF THE PROPOSED PLANS HAD BEEN MAILED TO ALL OF THE ENTITIES INVOLVED ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 4, 2013 ALLOWING FOR A TIME PERIOD TO RESPOND TO RECOMMENDED CHANGES. THE FOLLOWING WERE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION.....

- 1) CLERK WILL PUT DATE OF 1/1/2013-12/31/2016 ON COVER
- 2) THE ISD PLAN WILL INCLUDE A MAP OF THE DISTRICT
- 3) ARENAC COUNTY AUGRES TOWNSHIP CLERK UPDATE
- 4) ARENAC COUNTY TURNER TOWNSHIP CLERK UPDATE
- 5) IN REGARD TO "SET UP FOR ELECTION DAY" VERBIAGE, TO INCLUDE A PROVISION TO ALLOW TIME FOR STAFF TO SET UP BEFORE ELECTION DAY, ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE WITH THE BAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- 6) REFER TO AUTOMARK/M-100 VOTING EQUIPMENT IN A MORE "GENERIC" WAY AS CHANGE IN VOTING SYSTEM IS ANTICIPATED FOR 2015.

JANUARY 14, 2013

- 7) WILL INCLUDE PINCONNING AREA SCHOOL PRECINCTS
- 8) BAY CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE HER OWN PRECINCT KITS
- 9) ODD YEAR CITY ELECTION PROGRAMMING TO CITY CLERK,
WITH THE SCHOOL TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF A SPECIAL
ELECTION WITH THE CITY CLERK IN AN ODD YEAR CYCLE.

AS ALWAYS, THE PLAN CONTAINS VERBIAGE THAT AUTHORIZES A CHANGE IN PROCEDURE UPON THE NEGOTIATION OF THE APPLICABLE PARTIES TO THE ELECTION PROCESS.

WITH THE CHANGES ADVISED OF, THE COUNTY CLERK REQUESTED THE SIGNATURES OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE PLAN DOCUMENTS. A "FINAL" COPY OF THE PLAN WOULD BE MAILED TO EACH INTERESTED PARTY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE SIGNING PROCESS. RICK ROCKWELL WILL OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF THE ARENAC COUNTY OFFICIALS AT HIS JANUARY 17, 2013 MEETING WHO WERE NOT PRESENT. ALL SIGNATURES WERE REQUESTED BY JANUARY 31, 2013 WITH THE PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS THEREAFTER.

CLERK LUCZAK ALSO MENTIONED HOUSE BILLS 4121 AND 4122 WHICH WOULD ELECT METRO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO THEIR POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW. A MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013 IN THE OFFICE OF THE BAY COUNTY CLERK.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK
BAY COUNTY CLERK
CONSOLIDATION COORDINATOR